

Featuring Loyd Corder

Statewide World Mission Rally Comes To Garaywa

A family-oriented World Mission Rally will be held September 10 at Clinton's Camp Garaywa.

Co-sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union Departments, the rally will begin at



Corder and "Joe"

10:30 a.m. and close out at 2:30 p.m. A \$3 registration fee includes lunch and insurance.

Featured speaker will be Loyd Corder, missions strategist from the



Robert and Flora Holifield, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, along with his "friend", Joe the Baptist, a wooden dummy Corder uses to humorously present his talks. Corder's assignment at the HMB is to direct the work of the Division of Associational Missions.

Also included in the day's activities will be small group missions conferences with a number of Mississippi's home and foreign missionaries. Foreign missionaries included on the program will be: Bob and Flora Holifield from Italy; Stanley and Glenna Stamps from Nicaragua; James and Zelma Foster; and James and Dottie Gilbert.

Home missionaries, assigned to Mississippi who will be at the rally include: Frank and Lois Ruis, working with the Spanish in Duncan; Paul and Fran Vandercook working with language groups on the Gulfcoast; Dolton



David and Brenda Myers and Martha Haggan working with the Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia; and David and Brenda Myers working in Christian special ministries in Jackson. David and Laura Prevost will lead in

the music during the rally. Also a film, "A Cipher in the Snow" will be shown to adults and youth during the rally. Professional workers will be on hand for pre-school care and Corder and Joe the Baptist will also talk separately with the children during the day's activities.

The yearly rally, according to Brotherhood and WMU personnel, is designed to inform family members of their personal mission responsibility. Convention Board staff will be on hand to explain permanent and temporary mission opportunities.

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Mississippi Pastors Become Missionaries

Two Mississippi pastors and their wives have been appointed missionaries of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

The four are Robert and Mary Horner and Robert and Nan Sugg. Horner was pastor of Arlington Heights Baptist Church in Pascagoula. Sugg was pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Belmont.

The Horners expect to be assigned to Chile where he will be a general evangelist. The Suggs expect to be assigned to Taiwan where he also will be involved in general evangelism.

Robert and Mary Horner are from Alabama. He was born in Birmingham, Ala., and she, the former Mary Pruitt, was born in Anniston, Ala.

They were graduated from Auburn University; he also earned the master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Prior to going to Pascagoula, he had been an interim pastor in Louisiana and a pastor in Alabama. She had been a librarian in Mississippi, a teacher in Louisiana, and Home Mission Board student summer missionary in Washington and Oregon.

They have two children, Julie and David.

Both the Suggs are from Mississippi. He is from Eupora, and she was born in Clarksdale and grew up in Jackson.

He was graduated from Mississippi College and earned the master of religious education and theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary. She, the

former Nan Gregory, was graduated from Mississippi College.

Prior to going to Belfontaine, he was Baptist Student Union director for Blue Mountain College.

The couple has three children, Harriet, Robert, and Carroll.



The Suggs



(Gil Ford Photo)

Youth Night Draws Big Crowd

The annual Mississippi Youth Night music from Ken Medema; a challenge crowd of nearly 10,000 heard lively by Chester Swor, noted youth coun-

selor and author, to live a life that's mentally, physically, and morally clean; and Christian testimonies from a football coach and a Junior Miss. Bob Tyler, football coach for Mississippi State University, and Cindy Malone, Jackson's Junior Miss, both gave testimonies. Miss Malone played guitar and sang also.

The evening was sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Larry Salter, coordinator. This is the largest meeting of any Mississippi Baptist group.

The photo above shows the crowd size estimates are correct. And at right, Chester Swor whispers to Ken Medema prior to the program's start.



Medema and Swor

Organization Meets Begun By Board Program Office

Sixteen meetings to be held four at a time in four locations are scheduled late this month and early next month for the five church program organization directors and pastors. They are the church program organization planning meetings to be held on Aug. 30, Sept. 1, Sept. 6, and Sept. 8.

The five church program organization directors would be for Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Brotherhood, and Women's Missionary Union, according to Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The meetings are being planned by Vaughn and the directors of the five church program organization departments of the Convention Board plus the Church Administration director.

The purpose is to assist pastors and the five church program organization leaders in planning and coordinating their 1977-78 programs, Vaughn said. There will be conferences planned for pastors and each of the church program organization leaders, providing program planning suggestions for each, he added.

"This is the first time for such a series of meetings in Mississippi," he added, "and it is an attempt to combine efforts on the part of our state directors by having joint meetings."

Each of the meetings will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. On Aug. 30 they will be at the First Baptist churches of Philadelphia, Newton, Hattiesburg, and Biloxi. On Sept. 1 they will be at the First Baptist churches of Booneville, Oxford, Houston, and Starkville. The Sept. 6 meetings will be at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale; First Baptist Church of Sardis and First Baptist Church of Greenwood; and at Hollandale Church, Hollandale. The final meetings on Sept. 8 will be at First

Baptist Church, Jackson; First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Meadville Church, Meadville; and Prentiss Church, Prentiss.

Bill Pinson, newly elected president of Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., will be one of the principal speakers Nov. 15 to 17 for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He will be one of several speakers who are the heads of Southern Baptist agencies and institutions.

A former Mississippi pastor, Bill Tanner, now executive director of the Home Mission Board, will be one of those. Another speaker will be a Mississippian who recently retired as president of the Sunday School Board, James L. Sullivan.

Pinson has been pastor of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, for the past two years. Before that he was a faculty member in the School of Theology at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. Pinson has been used widely as a speaker all across the na-

tion. He is a native of Texas, a graduate of North Texas State University and Southwestern Seminary, and has been a staff member of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He was elected president of Golden Gate Seminary to succeed Harold Graves, who has retired.

Tanner, also a native of Texas, was once pastor of First Baptist Church of Gulfport, Miss. He became executive director of the Home Mission Board on Jan. 1 following the retirement of Arthur Rutledge. He left Gulfport to become president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Texas, and then was elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla. It was from that position that he went to the Home Mission Board.

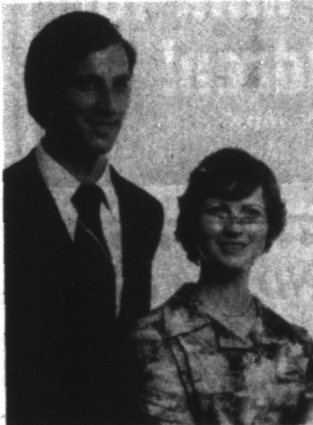
He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

Sullivan is a native of Lawrence County, Mississippi. He was ordained to the ministry by Tylertown Baptist Church and is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary.

He retired about two years ago as president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, a position he had held for many years. Since his retirement he has served one year as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He declined to allow his name to be placed in nomination for a second term because of the extraordinary travel that is a part of the SBC president's life.

Before going to the Sunday School Board Sullivan was pastor of First

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The Horners

WMU Camp Planned

Woman's Missionary Union Camp will be held August 22-25 at Camp Garaywa near Clinton. Purpose of the camp is to train church WMU officers and leaders in the responsibilities of their office.

For convenience, the camp is being held in four identical one-day sessions. August 22 has the only night session—from 7-9 p.m. August 23, 24, and 25 are day sessions running from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Conferences include sessions of general WMU work, Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, Action, Girls in Action, and Mission Friends. They offer sub-conferences for inexperienced workers in the different age groups.

Cost of the day sessions is \$3 which includes lunch. The night session is 75c with no meal served.

Hudgins Returns With Greetings

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and executive secretary emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has returned from Japan, where he represented the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in meetings celebrating the 30th anniversary of the



Japan Baptist Convention.

Hudgins is a former president of the Foreign Mission Board and a former chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Plus, he was an SBC First Vice President.

The Japan Baptist Convention anniversary celebrations were held in Tokyo, Fukuoka, and at Amagi Assembly. At each meeting Hudgins

brought greetings from Southern Baptists.

On his return Hudgins presented a letter to Baker James Cauthen, executive director of the SBC Foreign Mission Board from Shuichi Matsumura, president of the Japan Baptist Convention. Matsumura expressed appreciation for the presence of Hudgins at the meetings and also expressed the gratitude of the Japan Baptist Convention for the work done by the Foreign Mission Board over the past 30 years to the growth of the convention.

He pointed out that since 1947 the Japan convention has grown from 16 churches to 174 churches and 72 missions with 24,607 members. He mentioned four areas in which the Foreign Mission Board had contributed to that success. They were "more than 300 dedicated and well-trained mis-

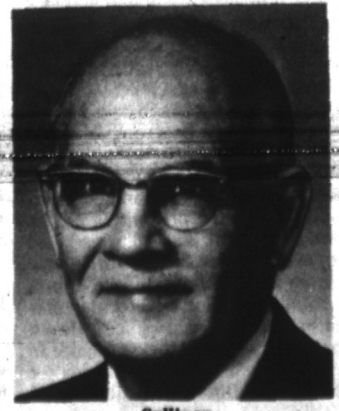
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Pinson



Tanner



Sullivan

Mrs. Gay Chance, Starkville is author of the book *Church Weekday Early Education Teaching Guide, Birth - Three*. The book was recently introduced at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Assemblies by the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board. It is available to the public this month. The book will be promoted throughout the SBC as a guide for preschool teachers in nursery schools, kindergartens, day care centers and as an activity resource book for parents.

Mrs. Chance wrote the book from her background of experience as director of the creative learning center, FBC Starkville, and as former director of the child enrichment center at Union Ave. Church, Memphis, Tenn. In addition to directing the creative learning center, Mrs. Chance serves as a regional consultant for the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. She holds a masters degree from Southwestern Seminary and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in educational administration at MSU.

To have faith where you cannot see; to be willing to work on in the dark; to be conscious of the fact that, so long as you strive for the best, there are better things on the way, this in itself is success. — Katherine Logan



Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — A House of Representatives attempt to move reserve chaplains of the armed forces from their current pay to a non-pay status got derailed by the Senate.

New York (RNS) — A New York State Supreme Court judge has ruled that the Hare Krishna movement should be allowed to hold its cultural festival as scheduled in Washington Square Park here. The Krishnas had been refused a permit to use the park by the city on the grounds that the Krishnas were not residents of the Greenwich Village area where the park was located, and that the park was not large enough to accommodate the expected large crowds. The judge said records show that Washington Square Park has been used by groups from outside Greenwich Village, including those from New Mexico and the Bronx, and that crowds of thousands had been approved.

London (BP) — Following a six-month interim arrangement, R. T. Kendall has accepted an invitation to become minister of London's Westminster Chapel. Kendall, a Southern Baptist pastor and theologian, is the first American pastor in the 112-year history of Westminster Chapel. His predecessors in this century were J. H. Jowett, G. Campbell Morgan, D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, and the J. Glyn Owen.

Los Angeles (RNS) — A display of crosses formed from lighted windows in the City Hall tower here during the Christmas and Easter holidays may continue after all. A state Court of Appeal has reversed a Superior Court judgment blocking the light display holding it violated the doctrine of separation of church and state.

New York (RNS) — Mayor Beame of New York has signed a bill designed to help close down sex-oriented buildings used for prostitution and obscene performances. Called the Nuisance Abatement Law, the measure provides for civil injunctions and fines up to \$1,000 a day against owners or operators of buildings used for prostitution, violation of liquor laws, obscene performances or promoting obscenity.

Dallas (RNS) — Delegates to the convention of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod voiced "disapproval of the arbitrary practice of mandatory retirement at age 65 when the persons affected are still to serve effectively." The Synod permits retirement at 65 and requires it for "salaried nonelective personnel" at age 70.

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Chicago (RNS) — The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) said here that homosexual persons should enjoy full civil liberties no matter whether homosexuality is right or wrong. "Unfair or uneven application of the law against homosexuals cannot be tolerated in a society which proclaims and honors the equal rights of all persons," the 199-member board declared in a statement referred for action to the denomination's October 1977 General Assembly.

Austin, Tex. (RNS) — Madalyn Murray O'Hair finds the motto on U.S. money unfair to atheists, and she plans suits to erase mentions of God from national symbols. O'Hair, 58, said her organization will challenge the motto "In God We Trust" embossed on U.S. coins and currency, and seek relief from pledging allegiance to a nation "under God."

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The "central question" of whether young people today are "freely choosing to remain with (religious) cults" involves some "difficult preliminary matters which must be settled before the question of freedom of action can be answered in a legal sense," a member of Congress holds. Rep. Robert N. Giaimo (D-Conn.), in remarks inserted into the Congressional Record, said that the definition of a cult can be broken down to: "One person's cult may be another person's religion."

Santos, Brazil (RNS) — Rebel French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, C.S. Sp., unbending foe of papally-approved Vatican II reforms, said here that while Pope Paul has not betrayed the Church, he is "a weak Pope" who "is being betrayed by the enemies of the Church who surround him." Speaking to reporters here, Archbishop Lefebvre said the Pope was infallible "only when he represents true Catholicism, when he acts like the Apostle Peter and not like the (18th Century French) philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau and others."

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African Mission Work Doors Are Closing And Opening

By Bob Stanley
GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — Although doors to Southern Baptist work in Ethiopia have been temporarily closed new prospects for missionary witness in Eastern and Southern Africa are opening up, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official reported.

Davis L. Saunders, the board's area secretary for this part of Africa, said on return from a tour of his area that the two couples remaining in Uganda are planning to ask for additional personnel to assist in the work there. Saunders, along with other board staff members, was here for the annual Foreign Missions Conference.

Other opportunities are opening in Burundi, the Seychelles, South West Africa, and in Bophuthatswana, an African homeland within South Africa which is expected to gain its nominal independence in December, Saunders reported.

Younger or older couples without children would be best for the work in Uganda at this time. These should include persons with a needed skill who are also evangelists. Major needs include someone to go in for a one-year project just to repair boreholes or deep water wells with equipment that has broken down, Saunders pointed out.

"The Ugandans lack skilled personnel and materials," he said. "We would have the resources to get the materials in with government permission."

He mentioned teachers, doctors and nurses as other persons whose skills are needed in Uganda at this time.

Both Southern Baptist couples presently in Uganda, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll, are stationed in Jinja where Southern Baptists have a Bible school. Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Garvin, who also have been working in Uganda while living in Kenya, have returned to the United States on furlough.

In Burundi, a small country adjoining Rwanda and Tanzania, Baptists have asked Southern Baptists to assist them in urban programs in Bujumbura, the capital. Danish Baptists, who already have work there, joined in the invitation.

Farther to the south, in Bophuthatswana, the leaders of the Tswana people, who have as many of their tribe in South Africa as live in the neighboring country of Botswana, are asking Southern Baptists to provide missionaries with technical skills to assist in the development of their people.

Saunders sees this as an opportunity for persons who have the needed technical skills and who are strong lay witnesses. He expects this new opportunity for Baptist witness to open up early next year if plans to grant nominal in-

dependence to this tribal area are carried out.

An invitation also has been received from the Baptists of South West Africa (also known as Namibia) to be prepared to send in more missionaries. A missionary associate or volunteer pastor and a general evangelist are needed, Saunders said. Four Southern Baptist missionaries already are assigned to South West Africa.

In addition, Saunders noted that the official transfer of the William P. Steeger family from Ethiopia to the Seychelles will mark the opening of the 88th country or territory where Southern Baptists have work.

The action came after Saunders received a letter from the minister of education in the Seychelles, where a coup recently resulted in a change of government in the former British colony off the eastern coast of Africa.

Steeger has been asked to help develop craft-training centers for unemployed youth who will be trained to make items for sale to tourists, the islands' major industry.

Looking to the western side of his area, Saunders said, "We still haven't given up" on the prospects of possible future return to Angola. Southern Baptist missionaries withdrew temporarily from this country on the Atlantic side of Southern Africa following the outbreak of civil war in 1975. Angola became independent in November 1975.

In a report to the board on the Ethiopian situation, Saunders indicated that Southern Baptist missionaries have no plans to go back into the unsettled eastern African country. An Ethiopian administrator has been appointed to act on their behalf and maintain contact so that it can be determined when missionaries might be able to return.

Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr., who was detained 16 days by Ethiopian officials in April pending investigation on a firearms technicality of which he was cleared, plans to go to Kenya after he and his family return from a six months leave in the States.

Saunders also reported that Baptist work is continuing in Rhodesia even though political tensions are gradually increasing there.

He said that in very sensitive areas of Rhodesia, missionaries are concentrating their work in the cities, but in rural areas where guerrilla attacks have been most frequent, they are "using discretion."

Rhodesia, whose white minority government has been increasingly challenged in recent months by black nationalist activity, has been a Southern Baptist mission field since 1950. A total of 84 Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned to that country. The Baptist Convention of Rhodesia has 68 churches with 10,287 members.

Saunders said, "No Southern Baptist missionaries or church members have been injured in the guerilla attacks as far as we know, although relatives of some church members have been reported killed or injured."

The Rhodesian Baptist convention has voted to ask the mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Rhodesia) to furnish a secretary of evangelism and stewardship. This missionary would not only carry out the duties of such a position, but also train Africans to fill the responsibility.

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Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas.

Other speakers scheduled for the Mississippi Baptist Convention include Darold Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board; Grady Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board; Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission; and Jerry Vardaman, faculty member at Mississippi State University.

Additional material will be presented concerning these speakers and other program personalities and items of interest about the Mississippi Baptist Convention in succeeding issues of the Baptist Record.

Corps Reinforcing Missions Outreach

RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials believe strong support for the newly proposed Mission Service Corps reflects a heightened interest in missions that will reinforce all Southern Baptist missions efforts.

The volunteer program adopted at the Southern Baptist Convention seeks to involve more personnel in one- to two-year projects overseas.

The officials reaffirmed that the career missionary is basic to the overseas mission work, but that more volunteers will mean more career missionaries.

The two new programs, Mission Service Corps and Volunteer Involvement in Missions can be the banner under which Southern Baptists rally in increased support of volunteers serving in an overseas setting, said Winston Crawley, the board's overseas division director.

Crawley went on to point out that the programs are an extension and expansion of what Southern Baptists have been channeling through their board for some 30 years. He traced the history of non-missionary volunteers from the time they were called contract workers, through the period of time when his own mother served overseas some 20 years ago as a volunteer, to the present when close to 1,500 persons serve for various lengths of time each year. About eight percent of

these serve for one - to - two years, Crawley said.

In 1976, 1,646 volunteers served through the board's consultants' offices, of which over 100 were for periods of approximately one year.

In relating the two programs to bold mission, Crawley said these could be the focus of attention to "help Southern Baptists pick up what was done last year at the convention in Norfolk, Va., and move on to get behind Total Missions Thrust." Total Missions Thrust is the board's name for its 25-year strategy adopted as a part of the convention's Board Mission.

One of the major objectives of Total Missions Thrust when it was adopted by the board in January, 1976, was the increased involvement of volunteers overseas. Thus, board officials note, the new programs accentuate an already existing goal of Baptists expressed through the board's Bold Mission emphasis.

In the midst of the board's affirmation of its desire for more volunteers, it was emphasized that the board does not and cannot "do foreign missions."

"The local church, and Christians through that local church, are mandated by our Lord to reach out to the world," they said. "Southern Baptists, under the power of the Holy Spirit, carry the gospel to the entire world by channeling their efforts through the board."

Charismatic Fellowships Form At Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (RNS) — Two new fellowships of Charismatic Christians were formed at the nation's first ecumenically-sponsored Charismatic Conference held here.

They came from conservative and liberal bodies.

One of the new fellowships was formed by about 60 members of the United Church of Christ (UCC), a liberal denomination.

The UCC Charismatic Fellowship will meet Oct. 10-12 in Cleveland to explore its future direction. Ray Thompson of North Aurora, Ill., has been elected convener.

The other new fellowship was formed by about 50 conference participants who came from churches of the Wesleyan-Armenian background, including The Church of The Nazarene, the Wesleyan Church, The Free Methodist Church, The Church of God (Anderson, Ind.), and the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Wilbur L. Jackson of Cincinnati is temporary chairman of the new fellowship.

The steering committee is planning a conference of the new fellowship during the 1978 Easter vacation period in Cincinnati, a spokesman said.

Sponsors of the conference here included fellowships organized earlier by Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Southern Baptists, American Baptists, Mennonites, Foursquare Gospel, Pentecostal Holiness, Church of God in Christ, and Jews for Jesus.

Southern Baptist and American Baptist pastors, attending the conference met together to discuss the possibility of forming an all-Baptist charismatic fellowship.

Next to Roman Catholics, the largest group at the conference was made up of persons from non-denominational Pentecostal fellowships. Judson Cornwell of Richardson, Texas, said the non-denominational Pentecostal charismatics have been

divided over the issue of "shepherding," the submission that some charismatics say must be made to spiritual leaders of their communities.

However, he reported there had been some reconciliation of the two non-denominational fellowships during the conference here.

Riverport Church, Greenville Reports Busy Year



The new deacons at Riverport Church, Greenville, are shown with their pastor, M. E. Perry, second from left. Others from left are Hurshel R. Tullos, William A. Jones Sr., and H. D. Martin.

The past year has been an active one at Riverport Church in Greenville, according to a report by Jean Tullos, Woman's Missionary Union director.

The WMU has been reactivated with both a day circle and a night circle. A "Girls in Action" program has also started, and plans are for beginning an Acteen program.

The church has started a Brotherhood, and D. H. Cumberland is the president. A steeple has been installed on the auditorium, and three men have been ordained as deacons. They are

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sionaries," financial assistance which "enabled us to organize new churches more rapidly and to extend our mission frontiers throughout the country, the spirit of evangelism and missions "and through your own example in America you have taught us the centrality of evangelism," and the importance of religious education. Matsumura said, "We regard our strong church education program as a rich legacy from Southern Baptists."

He concluded by saying, "As a small token of our appreciation to Southern Baptists, we are presenting to the Foreign Mission Board an inscribed copy of a Japanese Bible. With it go our prayers that through our joint efforts in evangelism, God's Word may prevail in your land and in ours. Be assured that we shall always rejoice in the privilege of working with you for the spread of His Word to all people."

Hurshel R. Tullos, William A. Jones Sr., and H. D. Martin. Following the ordination service a reception was held in honor of all of the deacons and their wives.

A senior banquet honored the high school seniors of the church. They were Cindy Bennett, Julie Drummond, and Cathy Taylor.

A Vacation Bible School was held with Annie Laura DeMoney as principal.

On Aug. 20 the church will have a picnic for entire membership at Leroy Percy Park in Hollandale, which will include a time of prayer for the revival scheduled at the church Aug. 28 to Sept. 2. Tom Larrimore, music evangelist of Jackson, will be the musical director for the revival. The evangelist will be M. E. Perry, pastor.

Clarke College Honors Dean, President

Clarke College will be honoring its new president, S. L. Harris and his wife, and the new dean-registrar Gary Garner and his wife, with a welcoming reception on Aug. 21, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the college cafeteria.

Mrs. Harris will be serving as college librarian, and Mrs. Garner is assistant registrar.

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Wake Forest Ex-President Disapproves Decision

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (RNS) — The president-emeritus of Wake Forest University has criticized a decision of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention to set up a committee to study relations between the convention and the school.

Harold Tribble said the committee will accomplish little because it has no authority and the convention has no right to involve itself in the operation of the school.

Dr. Tribble said the school's administration had handled properly the recent controversy which arose when students invited "Hustler" magazine publisher Larry Flynt to speak on the campus and gave him a "Man of the

Year" award. He said also that school administrators had nothing to do with actions by the students.

It was the Flynt incident that led to a decision of the convention's General Board to name the special committee, a move regarded by some as an attempt to head off possible repercussions when the convention holds its annual meeting in November.

Sara Parker of Greensboro, the convention's second vice-president, said the committee will not be an investigative panel, will not engage in a witch hunt and will only seek suggestions for change. She said "the whole idea is to keep questionable things from becoming issues."



Showing puppets used by the youth of Mt. Vernon Church in Columbus are (left to right) Gary Arinder, Annette Methvin, Kathy West and John Chandler.

Puppets And People Return

The Youth Choir of Mt. Vernon Church, Columbus has just returned from two weeks of touring. After two previous years of Home Mission Board assignments in Miami and Hawaii, the group went to Prescott, Arizona, for a week of Vacation Bible School and singing concerts.

On completion of their assignment in Prescott they made a tour of the Grand Canyon and on for Home Missions

Week at Glorieta, New Mexico.

The youth are required to go through training for a year, to include witnessing, singing, and Bible School work, before they are allowed to make a tour of this nature. They are looking forward for an assignment overseas for next year.

Gaines O. Hyche is the minister of music, youth, and education and Charles M. Bagwell is pastor.



Pictured are the Bogue Chitto church leaders who made the distinguished recognition possible. Seated from left are: Janet Moak; W. A. Sullivan, pastor and Virginia Watts. Standing from left are: Alberta Price; Louise Walker; and Essie Mae Meyers.

Award Goes To Bogue Chitto

Bogue Chitto Baptist Church in Lincoln Association, has gained "Distinguished Recognition" in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide this year.

The guide is a listing of activities which comprise a healthy, well-rounded program of Church Training. The "Distinguished" rating, means that the church has completed at least 50 achievements, with 20 of them in advanced work.

Achievements range from "provide graded weekly training opportunities for church members and their families," to "a Church Training growth project or Church Training revival has been conducted during the year."

There are three levels of achievement, each requiring more complex requirements.

So far, only seven Mississippi churches have attained the distin-

guished level. Other churches besides the Bogue Chitto church are Easthaven, Lincoln association, Main Street in Lebanon; Harmony in Winston; Central in Lincoln; Coffeeville in Yalobusha; and Plainway in Jones.

Awards for achievement are presented by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Kermit King, director.



Mrs. Johnson Dies

Mrs. Ella Johnson, the oldest charter member of Priceville Church (Lee), has died. Born on April 11, 1877, Mrs. Johnson lived her over 100 years in Tupelo.

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The Missions Task FMB Highlights — 1976

By John Alexander, Director Stewardship Dept., MBCB

In reviewing the 1976 annual report of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, several facts caught my attention.

Appointed were 268 new missionaries resulting in a net missionary gain of 48 for the year bringing the total under appointment to 2715 in 84 countries.

Cooperative Program receipts amounted to a record \$23,255,950 and the Lottie Moon Offering amounted to \$26,145,220 with \$1,646,131 being given for world relief and disbursed in 34 countries. Of funds received by the FMB in 1976, 89.74% went to foreign fields, 8.62% went for general and administrative costs, and 1.64% was used for promotion.

Efforts in Baptist churches with which the FMB has cooperative relationships overseas resulted in growth from 7,584 churches with 896,063 members to 8,017 churches with 907,542 members reporting 84,449 baptisms. That is one baptism for every 10.7 members!

Thirty missionaries with major broadcasting work assignments report a total of 28,539 radio broadcasts and 1,668 telecasts in 42 countries.

Bible correspondence courses being used in broadcasting follow-ups on many fields report 11,600 persons in Brazil and about 8,000 in Venezuela enrolled in such courses.

Objectives are listed as: Missionary staff of more than 5,000, which will call for at least 9,000 new missionaries to be sent out in the next 25 years — Increased tempo of volunteer lay involvement overseas up to 10,000 by A.D. 2000 — Missionaries at work in at least 125 countries as God may lead — Establishment, multiplication and strengthening of churches at greatly accelerated rate — Penetration and saturation of every segment of the major cities with the gospel — Maximum attention concentrated on evangelization of youth — Adequate ministerial and lay leadership training by a wide variety of methods — Vastly increased use of mass media — Accentuated attention to human need through health care, disease prevention, benevolent and social ministries — Vigorous, appropriate, and prompt response to world hunger and disasters.

The primary objective — telling the world about Jesus by A.D. 2000 — presents an awesome challenge. By the year 2000, the world will have a projected population nearly twice the present population.

TOTAL MISSIONS THRUST calls for total support by Southern Baptists. The stewardship obligations of Southern Baptists toward overseas missions rest upon all church members and churches.

Obviously, foreign missions activities on the present scale will not suffice to reach the major objective. Some Christians will respond through missionary service, but all need to respond in prayer, giving, continuing concern, and personal involvement.

The time frame for TOTAL MISSIONS THRUST is now, the last quarter of the twentieth century. The urgency is immediate.

A.D. 1977 — A.D. 2000 ... forgetting those things which are behind, reaching forth unto those things which are before, pressing toward the mark.

Warsaw (RNS) — Two priests who survived Hitler's concentration camps have published the first volume of a "martyrology" of Catholic clergy under the Nazi occupation. The authors are Father Viktor Jacewicz and Father Jan Wos. The first of the series contains case histories of 2,801 priests and monks who died in Nazi concentration camps as the result of torture, disease, and medical experiments.

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Missionary News

Mr. and Mrs. Van C. Payne, missionary journeymen to Kenya, have completed their term of service and may be addressed at 212 Main St., Lucedale, Miss. 39452. Payne, who was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., considers Lucedale, Miss., his hometown. The former Gwen Gullage, she is from Jackson, Miss., and has also lived in Little Rock, Ark. Before they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975, he was reporter, assignment editor and anchorman for WLOX-TV in Biloxi, Miss. She taught in Harrison Central Elementary School, Gulfport, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. John W. McFadden Jr., missionaries to Nigeria, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 35, Eku, via Sapele, Nigeria). He was born in Monroe, La., and spent much of his childhood in West Point, Miss. The former Fonce McPhail, she was born in Tulsa, Okla., and grew up in Hattiesburg, Miss. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972, they had just completed a year-long special assignment for the board in Nigeria. Previously, he had a private pediatrics practice in West Point, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze Jr., missionaries to Argentina, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Ramon Falcon 4080, 1407 Buenos Aires, Argentina). A native of Mississippi, he was born in D'Lo and grew up in Pelahatchie. She is the former Eugenia Johnson of Greenwood, S. C. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963, he was a teaching fellow in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Old Testament Department, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Batson, missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 07-0558, 70000 Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil). They are natives of Mississippi. He is from Wiggins, and she is the former Ethel Thatcher from Fruitland Park. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973, he was minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Poplarville, Miss.

Cornelia Leavell, missionary to Hong Kong, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 208 S. Washington St., Starkville, Miss. 39759). Daughter of a Southern Baptist, she was born in Tsangwa (formerly Wuchow), Kwangsi Province, China. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Panter, missionaries to Togo, are the parents of a son, Danny, born June 23. Currently in language school in France, they may be addressed at 250 Avenue Grammont, 37000 Tours, France. He was born in Pascagoula, Miss., and lived there; Pass Christian and Picayune, Miss.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Peoria, Ill. The former Libby Wallace of Mississippi, she was born in Jackson and also lived in Prentiss, Van Winkle and Pearl while growing up. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1976, he was pastor of University City Baptist Mission, Kenner, La., and were students at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. B. B. Boaz Sr., mother of Mrs. Oren C. Robinson Jr., missionary to Liberia, died July 16. Mrs. Robinson may be addressed at P. O. Box 1418, Monrovia, Liberia. The former Martha Boaz of Kentucky, she was born in Murray and grew up in nearby Graves County. An Oklahoma native, Mr. Robinson was born in Okmulgee and lived in several other Oklahoma towns while growing up. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962, he was interim pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. J. Canata Jr., missionaries to Ethiopia, have arrived in the States (address: 1424 Valeska, Waco, Tex. 76708). He is a native of Houston, Tex. The former Virginia (Ginny) Currey of Mississippi, she was born in Greenville and also lived in Stoneville, Leland and Hollandale while growing up. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967, he was a general practitioner in Teague, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hollifield, missionaries to Italy, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rte. 4, Box 150 B, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39410). They are natives of Mississippi. He is from Jones County; she is the former Flora Cole of Lamar County. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962, he was pastor of Indian Springs Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Barva, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 921 Jackson Ave., Columbia, Miss. 39429). Born in Forest, La., he grew up in Richton, Miss. She is the former Hazel Clark of Richton. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967, he was pastor of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, Covington, Tenn.

Mr. Michael Grober, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon D. Grober, missionaries to Brazil, married Dea Alho in Santarem, Brazil, on July 2. Currently in the States on furlough, his parents may be addressed at 717 N. Hughes, Little Rock, Ark. 72205. Missionary Grober was born in Vicksburg, Miss., and lived there and in Russellville, Ark., while growing up. She is the former Marjorie Steele of Ballard County, Ky. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, he was pastor of the Eddy Creek Baptist Church, Princeton, Ky., and part-time professor at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon D. Grober, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 717 N. Hughes, Little Rock, Ark. 72205). He was born in Vicksburg, Miss., and lived there and in Russellville, Ark., while growing up. She is the former Marjorie Steele of Ballard County, Kentucky. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, he was pastor of the Eddy Creek Baptist Church, Princeton, Ky., and part-time professor at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 132 Ransome St., Lafayette, La. 70501). They are natives of Louisiana. He was born in Houghton and moved to nearby Bossier City when a teenager. She is the former Dottie Primeaux of Cameron. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959, he was pastor of South McComb (Miss.) Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy L. Barrentine, missionaries to Paraguay, may be addressed at Casilla 91, Encarnacion, Paraguay. Both are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Magee and lived in Pascagoula and Crystal Springs, her hometown. She is the former Joan Turnage. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975, he was pastor of Myrtle Springs Baptist Church, Hooks, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, missionaries to Chile, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4004 Ave. G, Austin, Tex. 78752). A Texan, he was born in Caddo. The former Virgie Therrell of Mississippi, she was born in Meridian but moved to El Dorado as a teen-ager. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1944, he was pastor of churches in Brownwood and Laurel, Miss.

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Editorials

No Need for "Soap"

It is evidently a horse racing term, but "I got it straight from the horse's mouth" has been around so long that it has become an accepted statement throughout society meaning, "You can depend on this."

A small group of people went out to the local ABC Television affiliate late last week to see a previewing of "Soap," the already controversial new series for next fall (though it has not had a public showing at all) and we got it straight from the horse's mouth: "Soap" will be shown regardless of any efforts to stop it.

Fred Silverman, president for entertainment for ABC-TV, in a closed circuit message to the affiliate stations, made this fact clear. He acknowledged the heavy criticism that the new series has experienced and told the affiliates that the series is going to run anyway because "we'll have a winner on our hands."

The small group of people present included Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Stanley Barnett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pearl; Roy Lawrence, editor of the *Methodist Advocate*; the editor and associate editor of the *Baptist Record*; and the editor's pastor, Lannie Wilbourn of Pinelake Baptist Church in Rankin County. There were a half dozen others for the viewing arranged for by Robert Nations, manager of WJFR-FM in Jackson, through Lewis Hopper, general manager of WAPT-TV in Jackson.

As far as "Soap" itself is concerned, it is certainly something that has no business being shown on television. Television is the entertainment form that has its stage sitting in living rooms and family rooms in most of the homes in the nation and a large percentage of the homes around the world. It's not the same as getting in a car and going away from the house to a movie or in going to a store and buying a magazine. These other forms of communication and entertainment are powerful enough that we make every effort to try to keep them clean. And then here comes something just as objectionable right into our homes. There is, of course, no nudity in "Soap," but it is a comedy on sex—that and nothing more. Included in the subject matter are adultery, homosexuality, and impotence and

discussions on sex-change operations, about being a transvestite, and concerning a philanderer, among other things. The group saw all of this in only 30 minutes. Evidently, week after week the program will be the same stuff over and over.

Included in the messages sent to affiliates by closed-circuit television were remarks by James E. Duffy, president of the ABC Television Network, and Alfred R. Schjeider, vice-president of ABC Inc. in addition to those by Silverman. Two or three major points seem to stand out in their remarks. One is an effort to establish as fact that "Soap" is not a satire of the afternoon soap operas. It is difficult to realize, however, how it could be anything else. Its name would almost establish that fact, and the stories seem to be patterned after the continual messes that characters in soap operas seem to get themselves into.

Additionally, the network executives seem to be saying, "we know this is material concerning immoral behavior, but we are doing it in comedy fashion, so that makes it all right."

Schneider said, "Certainly 'Soap' deals with a number of delicate subjects. But as Fred has so rightly pointed out, nothing that has not been dealt with many times before. It is also true the 'Soap' deals with more of these subjects than any one show ever has. But there are saving graces that Fred has mentioned, the comedic treatment, the continuous story-line, the development of the characters over a period of time, and most important—immoral behavior will not be rewarded and there will be retribution."

Of course, it must also be realized by the viewing public, and it should be by the network executives, that any number of people might miss the retribution because of having to be away from home when that episode is aired.

Then the network people would say to us—there has been an awful lot of criticism concerning "Soap," and some of it was understandable. Nevertheless, we are going to show it anyway, regardless of the circumstances.

ABC has admitted it is putting "Soap" on the air, in addition to a profit motive, to see if the bounds of tolerance can be stretched any farther. Silverman said, "To me, now that we're Number One, more than ever we must maintain our spirit of innovation. It would be tragic to cave in to fear and uninformed criticism." It was pointed out that the executives are working with the producer and writer to check on the nature of the material, and when it is felt to be beyond the bounds of acceptance it is redone.

People with a warped sense of values, who do not have to answer to anything but whether or not the product makes money, write this stuff and peddle it to networks which are engaged in intense competition for the advertiser's dollar. The way to get the advertiser as a customer is to show him that he is getting more viewers for his money.

While we could wish that the networks would exercise some amount of restraint in their programming, it is evident that ABC, at least, is not leaning in that direction. In fact, the possibility exists that the reason that such a controversial show is considered is that the resultant publicity will draw many more viewers to that network. So what must we do? The local managers say they have a rule of thumb that each letter written about a specific program represents 1,000 more who feel the same way and didn't write. So, when a show is seen that is offensive, the thing to do is write.

Then, don't watch the show again. The ABC affiliate manager said in effect, if you don't want "Soap" on the air, watch ETV when it is on. Viewer polls, which mean a great deal to network people, will reflect how many people watch.

In this issue of the *Baptist Record* there is a story from Baptist Press concerning a packet that will be mailed by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and that will be intended to give guidance to those who want to protest the directions of television programming. The packets will be mailed to pastors, educational directors, and church libraries all across the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the meantime, those wishing to write the network in addition to their local ABC affiliate station managers may do so by writing James E. Duffy, President, ABC Television Network, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, 10019.

Letters to the Editor

The Adamic Sin

The Bible, as I understand it, teaches very plainly that the Adamic nature, the nature to sin, is handed down from Adam through father and son to the present time. You do not have to teach a child to do wrong. He does that because of his nature. But you do have to teach him to do right. We are all bent the wrong way because of our nature.

In Romans 5:12 we find, "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and death passed upon all men for all have sinned." Again Paul stated, "for I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." (Romans 7:18)

The race fell in Adam, not Eve. Adam sinned with his eyes open. Eve was deceived. (I Timothy 2:14) Everyone receives the nature to sin from their fathers, not their mothers. Women receive the nature to sin from their fathers also. That is the reason why the Lord Jesus had a sinless nature. He did not have a human father. If Joseph had been His father, He would have had a sinful nature as other men.

We retain our sinful nature even after we are saved. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary the one against the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (Galatians 5:17) The Saviour told Nicodemus, "that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit" (John 3:6). The flesh is not changed in the New Birth. A new man is born on the inside of the Christian. Our sinful, dying, bodies will be raised when the Lord comes again, and then we will have sinless bodies like the Lord Jesus. (I Corinthians 15:51-54. Philippians 3:20, 21)

To illustrate what we have studied, you can go out in the hills and catch a baby rattlesnake, put it in a warm cage in your living room, give it water and snake food, and keep it until it is grown. Then one day put your hand into the cage and let the snake bite you, and you will die the same as if you had been bitten by one out in the hills. Its nature has not been changed. We are sinners by nature (from Adam), choice, and practice.

K. Z. Stevens
Columbus, Miss.

Book Reviews

DEVELOPING YOUR CHURCH TRAINING PROGRAM by Philip B. Harris and Lloyd T. Householder (Convention, 120 pp., \$1.45) This book deals with needs, organization, leadership, resources, and detailed plans for organizing, conducting, and maintaining a Church Training program. Also there are chapters on Developing New Church Member Training and Church Leader Training.

Christian Life Commission Produces TV Viewers' Packet

By David Wilkinson
NASHVILLE (BP)—In the midst of the increasing uproar over television programming, the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has produced a special packet of materials to

help parents, pastors and others concerned about the medium's moral content.

The packet, entitled "Help for Television Viewers," is being mailed to about 30,000 Southern Baptist pastors and more than 15,000 ministers of education, church librarians and other church, state convention and denominational leaders across the 12.9-million-member denomination.

Its introduction comes at a time when the subject of television morality is receiving renewed nationwide attention, sparked particularly by the controversy over "Soap," a new comedy series which ABC-TV plans to air this fall.

According to Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Commission, the packet is the result of the commission's four hearings on "Television and Morality" conducted across the U.S. this past year, careful monitoring of the three national networks by

Southern Baptist viewing teams, and months of research by the agency's staff.

The packet is also a response to a set of recommendations approved less than three months ago by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in its annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., calling on all Southern Baptists to "courageously confront television's moral challenge."

The SBC recommended that Southern Baptists make a special effort in August to study the packet's materials along with other "trustworthy resources," to evaluate carefully the moral content of television programming in September, and to communicate their concern to advertisers and local and network television officials during October.

The recommendation also urged Southern Baptists to unite in the next year with other groups "who share our deep moral concern about current television programming."

The packet, which contains a dozen different pieces of information and suggested guidelines related to television morality, includes statements on "How Television Affects Us," covering such issues as TV violence, sexuality and profanity.

It also contains separate suggestions for individuals, families and churches on what they can do about changing and coping with television immorality, a bulletin insert, a list of resources for study and action, a selection of articles on television, a questionnaire, a survey form for evaluating programs, and a list of appropriate questions to ask before, during and after a program which can be affixed to the television set for easy reference.

The packet even includes "immediate reaction" postcards addressed to the three major networks. The viewer can write his reaction to a specific program on the card and mail it promptly to the appropriate network.

Recent Investigation—Blindfolded

Theologians deny divinity

LONDON (UPI)—Seven prominent British Protestant theologians have challenged the divinity of Jesus Christ, saying he was a man who claimed to be the son of God but was proven to be a false claim by the Bible and other influences on early Christians.

The theologians Tuesday announced their jointly written book, "The Myth of God Incarnate," which they said was an attempt to present a view of Jesus that was based on "evidence" and rejected all the "superstitions" and "myths" of the Bible.

Due for release Friday, the book was edited by John Holt, professor of theology at Brunel University.

In one section of the book, Holt says, "The myth of God incarnate in Jesus is a story which has been told for centuries, but it is a story which has never been proved. It is a story which is based on a series of legends and myths which have been passed on from generation to generation." He says the book is "a study of the Jesus of the Bible and the Jesus of history."

GOD'S VOICE (REFERRING TO JESUS): "THOU ART MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED." MARK 1:11 (ENG. N.I.V.)


JOHN IN THE MATURE WISDOM OF HIS YEARS, "EVERY ONE WHO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD FINDS THAT GOD LIVES IN HIM, AND HE LIVES IN GOD." 1 JOHN 4:14, 15 (ENG. PHILLIPS TRS.)

THEY IGNORE WHAT JESUS SAID, 'FATHER... GLORIFY THY SON... JESUS CHRIST WHOM THOU HAST SENT'—JOHN 17:1-3, ETC. (NEW ENG. BIBLE)

"TELL US (UNDER OATH) IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD." "YES, IT IS AS YOU SAY, 'JESUS REPLIED.'—MATT. 26:63, 64 (NEW INT'L V.S.)

PETER AND EYE WITNESSES SAID, 'TRULY YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD.'—MATT. 14:33 (N.E.B.)

PAUL SAID OF JESUS "THIS IS THE SON OF GOD." ACTS 9:20 (N.E.B.)



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Carnaby Street Welcomes the World." And all of London is a kaleidoscope of faces. I set out the other afternoon to try to capture some of them on film.

At Eaton Place in Belgravia, the scene of "Upstairs, Downstairs," I met a man in an expensive black suit, and shared my shredded city map with three American boys, traveling on foot, packs aback. On Elizabeth Street I photographed an Indian sheik in a purple turban and a stolid Englishman selling fruit at a corner market.

Victoria Station was absolutely seething with people of, almost certainly, every nationality under the sun. There were so many people waiting for trains I could not even find the ticket office. I've seen nothing like it since the World's Fair at Osaka, Japan.

Outside the station a vacant-eyed drunk sat on the pavement, tenderly nursing his bottle of ale. Beside him an old man had drawn pictures of Jesus on the sidewalk with colored chalk. Around the pictures were printed Bible verses, and a note, "I am 90 years old, and I have been drawing on London sidewalks since 1920." His cap was there, too—waiting for free will offerings.

The old man was burly, with bushy beard. He wore a black wool cap. Behind him was his dog, a small, slick brown and white mongrel. I thought, "He's great material for a picture," and started to focus my camera. I was totally unprepared for the melee that followed. "No pictures!" the old man screamed at me, and held a sheet of cardboard in front of his face. But I had put five pence in the cap and wanted my money's worth. I walked a few paces to the corner, and turned to try again. The man grabbed his dog's leash and came running after me, yelling "No! No!"—his barking dog close behind. They stopped me—but I shall return! I don't know if he has a police record or only hates cameras—but I did wonder if he has read the Bible verses he prints on the sidewalk.

Faces everywhere—children feeding the ducks in St. James Park; the tired gardener at Gordon Square who said he holds three jobs to pay for his house; Samar Basu, engineering student from Calcutta who invited Joan and me to dinner, and served the egg and chicken curry he had himself prepared—a sensitive and brilliant young man who is searching for The Way.

The face of the bearded young English professor who comes to class by motorcycle; the journalism professor, blonde and british, who cares about people, and about the importance of good writing.

Faces of pleasure seekers at Piccadilly Circus.

Forty Kuwaiti students—dark-eyed Moslems—giving a party for Americans, and other students, at Ramsay Hall. I took my camera to the party, but my flash would not work when I most needed it.

Barbara Askew's friendly smile as hostess at British Baptist headquarters is almost as nice as that of Marylyn Crisler at the Mississippi Baptist Building—but not quite.

At Hyde Park Speaker's Corner, some talked about Communism and others about collective bargaining. A few dared talk about Christianity. Some heckled—but I noticed they stayed to listen. A speaker was saying, "Every person here is a person of worth. God cares about each of you." A young man in gold-rimmed spectacles sneered with his lips, but his eyes were saying, "I want to hear more."

Bible Study Is Appropriate

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The conference sessions will be on

Friday evening and on Saturday morning. The Friday evening sessions begin at 7 p.m. They will be at First Baptist Church, Senatobia; First Baptist Church, Starkville; First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; First Baptist Church, Greenwood; and Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson.

The teachers, in the order of the locations, will be Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Bob Shurden, faculty member at Mississippi College; Schuyler Batson, pas-

tor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, La.; Howard Spell, retired Mississippi College faculty member; and Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., and a former president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference.

A note of thanks is due the host pastors. With the exception of First Baptist Church, Greenwood, which is pastorless, the pastors, in the order of the locations, are John W. Flowers, Raymond Lloyd Brooks Wester, and Byron Malone.

Overripe For Christianity

Africans Search For Freedom

by Earl Kelly

We North Americans suffer from a disease called "Assumption." If we have the opportunity to travel abroad, we are tempted to think ourselves overnight international experts. May God deliver me from the symptoms of this conceited disease as I reflect on my recent mission tour of South East Africa.

Africa is big. The continent could

take in the whole of North America and Western Europe and still have space for most of China. "Africa," Cecil Northcott wrote in his splendid little book, *Christianity In Africa*, "is an exclamation mark set betwixt the New World of Americas and the Old World of Asia."

At the moment that exclamation mark is front stage for social, political, economic, and religious fermentation. If the visitor takes time to talk with the Nationals and listens, he senses something is already in the process of happening. The typical African may not know exactly what he wants, but he believes that it is mysteriously tied up in the word "freedom." Dominating his quest for freedom is what Nehru of India once called the fifth freedom—"freedom from contempt." Most Africans have lived under the shadow of contempt all of their lives.

Wherever we went in South Africa and Rhodesia this restlessness could be sensed. Any conversation soon moved to this topic. It was so with the lawyer in Cape Town; the taxi driver in Johannesburg; the Rhodesian dentist at Victoria Falls, and the Southern Baptist Missionary in Bulawayo. Justice and fairness are virtues to be desired but very difficult to institute by any one generation. I kept asking, "What's going to happen to South East Africa?" The answers varied—mass exodus of whites, compromise, blood bath, Communist intervention, or a great Christian revival. One man said, "Our problem lies in the fact that Af-

rica is changing but the African wants to travel at 90 miles per hour and the whites want to travel at 10 miles per hour."

Robert and Thelma Beaty, who serve as missionaries in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, (Bob's 90-year-old father lives in Blue Mountain) shared some of the problems the African ferment poses for them. Practically all the mission activity is being pulled out of the bush areas into the larger cities. The Nationals are concerned for the safety of our missionaries. When I posed my universal question, "What's going to happen?" Bob replied instantaneously, "Christianity or Communism." Africa can be won to Christ if we put our minds, hearts, and pocket books and lives to work for Christ. Even as Bob talked with us he introduced us to a radiant new African Christian. He had won the African to Christ less than twelve hours prior to our arrival.

The Africa I saw is overripe for Christianity. Past history cries out that Africa is not immune to Christian evangelization. We must not forget that it was missions that made modern Africa. Until Moffat and Livingstone came only four of more than 700 African languages and dialects had been written down. Today, thanks to missionary efforts, over 300 African languages have reduced to writing. Mission schools have produced such National leaders as Tolbert, Nkrumah, Kaunde, Nyerere, Kenyatta, Banda

and others. Some of these are now heads of independent nations. God is presently at work wherever his name is being preached, and Africans are finding the only true freedom. As one Southern Baptist I want to have a part in sharing the truth with all Africans for I believe the words of Jesus: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).



Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly, right, visit in Bulawayo with Robert and Thelma Beaty, Southern Baptist missionaries there.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

A. C. Johnson of Meridian has been appointed instructor of history and government at Clarke College, succeeding James L. Spencer, who recently resigned to accept a call as pastor of FBC Sherman. Johnson is a native of Newton County but has been a resident of Lauderdale County for many years, where he and his wife, the former Bertie McMahan of Newton County, have their home. Johnson has served as an instructor at Meridian Junior College. His academic background includes a BS from USM, the MA from the University of Mississippi, and the LLB and juris doctor degrees from the University of Alabama. He also holds the doctor of humane letters from the London Institute of Applied Research. He is currently director of Lauderdale County Brotherhood, and will serve as chaplain for the Miss. District next year.

Glenda Sutherland of Jackson attended orientation for newly appointed directors of the Home Mission Board during its summer meeting. Sutherland, a member of Calvary Church in Jackson, is a home maker who has served her church as a Sunday School teacher, WMU director, on the church council, on the finance committee and on the missions committee. Her husband Kimble C. Sutherland is public affairs manager for the Mississippi State Highway Department. She is serving as a member of the Woodville Heights Elementary School Board and has served as an officer in the PTA and as an area captain for the Heart Fund.

Frank Nelson was ordained to the gospel ministry by Liberty Church, Flowood. He is currently a student at Miss. College, and is married to the former Jenny O'Quin of Natchez. They have a five-month old daughter. Nelson is now serving as music and youth director at Liberty. Also ordained were Kenny Miller and Larry Watts as new deacons.

Ronald F. Prevost of Biloxi has been appointed assistant professor of religious education and religion at Gardner Webb College in an announcement made by college president Craven Williams. Prevost, a native of Hazlehurst, graduated from Mississippi College where he earned the B.A. degree and New Orleans Seminary where he received the master of divinity degree. He is now a candidate for the Ed. D. with a major in religious education from the Seminary. While a student in college and seminary, Prevost served churches in Mississippi in various ministerial positions. He has also served on the supplementary faculty at New Orleans Seminary. In 1977 he was listed in Outstanding Young Men of America. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Prevost of Hazlehurst and is married to the former Peggy Dunham of De Quincy, Louisiana. They have a son, William. Prevost is presently minister of activities and youth at FBC Biloxi.

Jonathan H. Waddell has joined Baptist Medical Center in Princeton, Ala., as a full-time chaplain, according to Princeton executive vice-president W. H. Kerns. A native of Mississippi, Waddell is a 1963 graduate of William Carey College and received master's degrees in psychology and religion education plus a doctor of education degree in psychology and counseling from New Orleans Seminary. Waddell also studied clinical pastoral education at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. During the last three years, Waddell has served as pastor of Union Church, Warhatch, Ga.; part-time instructor of religion and philosophy, Georgia College; and clinical chaplain for Central State Hospital, Milldegeville, Ga. He is a former pastor of Berwick Church in Liberty.

Two Ebenezer Church (Tate) members have recently surrendered to the ministry. They are William Leon Barnett and Neph-tali Castillo. Barnett is 15 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Barnett of Senatobia. Castillo has served as a deacon of the church and is married to the former Alice-Coleman. The Castillos have three daughters: Alicia, Ginger, and Amy.

Landres E. (Lannie) Wilbourn, former pastor of Crystal Springs Church in Walthall County, has become the new pastor of Pinelake Baptist Church in Rankin County. Wilbourn is the second pastor of Pinelake Church, which is located at Ross Barnett Reservoir. He had been pastor of Crystal Springs Church for three years.

Wilbourn is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He has almost completed work toward the doctor of ministries at New Orleans Seminary. He is a native of Kosciusko. Mrs. Wilbourn, the former Kathy Jordan, is a native of Brandon. They have a son, David, two years of age. Wilbourn's other pastorates have been Big Springs Baptist Church, Brookhaven, and Shifalo Memorial Baptist Church, Kiln.

Barry St. Clair, director of youth evangelism in the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board, has resigned. After six years of youth evangelism involving reach out ministries through the Home Mission Board, St. Clair will become director of the Evangelism Research Foundation and Reach Out Ministries. This will expand his ministry to all age groups in Southern Baptist Churches through evangelism and discipleship.

Joe Clark of Hattiesburg has joined the staff of FBC Brooklyn as minister of music. He served in the same capacity three years ago. Clark is a 1967 graduate of Petal High School and has completed two years of study at William Carey. He has served four churches in the Hattiesburg area, the most recent being Temple Church of Petal. Clark is the son of Katherine Clark and the late Woody Clark of Hattiesburg.

Mancil Ezell recently was named design and process specialist in the Bible Teaching Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. For the past three years he has served in the staff services section of the Board's Sunday School department. He earlier had served as a consultant of young adult work and an immediate consultant, both in the Sunday School department. Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board in 1964, Ezell was minister of youth education at Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex. He also has served as minister of education, youth director, senior adult director and organizer in churches in Alabama and Oklahoma. He is the author of *Youth in Bible Study/New Dynamics*, *Making Nonprojected Visuals and Displays* and co-author of *Being Creative*. He is a regular contributor of articles to several Sunday School Board and denominational periodicals.

Donald S. Whitehouse has been named supervisor of the communications services section in the office of communications at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here. Whitehouse moved to the office of communications from the church training department of the board, where he served a supervisor of the staff services section. Prior to that he was an editor of administration materials in the church training department. Before coming to the Sunday School Board in 1969, he was pastor of Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. He previously had served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force and as student director for the department of student work, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Marcy McCord from Tupelo was one of ten participants in the Youth Bible Drill competition held during the Church Training Leadership Conference at Gloria Conference Center. Larry Yarborough, youth consultant, church training department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, led the youth through four drills. These included locating books of the Bible, Scripture search, verse identification, and recitation by memory. Each youth participant had progressed through churchwide, associational and state eliminations before the competition here.

Douglas L. Scott, minister of music for FBC, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. the past two and one-half years, has accepted the same position at Calvary Church in Jackson and will begin his work there August 22, according to Joe H. Tuten, pastor.

He will succeed Donald Winters, head of the music department at Wm. Carey College, who has been serving the church as interim minister of music.

He formerly served as minister of music and education at FBC Columbia, and also served as minister of music at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., for eight years.

Scott, a native of Michigan, is married to the former Mary Jones of Indianapolis, Ind., and they have two children, Mark, who will enter New Orleans Seminary in September, and Cheryl, a senior in high school.

Moselle Memorial Church had a special day of dedication in honor of Tera Brent, who was 80 years

of age on Aug. 18. The Median Adult Sunday School Class of the church has been named in her honor, and on the dedication day she taught the class. Brent taught in the Moselle Church Sunday School and taught public school in Moselle for many years. On the dedication day those in the audience who had been taught by her were recognized. During the afternoon a "This Is Your Life, Tera Brent" program was presented. Mike Rasberry is pastor of Moselle Memorial Church, and Dan Mooney is teacher of the Tera Brent Sunday School Class.

Noel Wright III has been called as minister of education of Colonial Hills Church in Southaven. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel N. Wright of West Point; and is married to the former Barbara McHaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McHaney, also of West Point. Wright formerly served First Church West Point as minister of evangelism.

Alcoholic Workshop Offered at MC

CLINTON — The Mississippi College office of continuing education will be offering a workshop entitled "The Alcoholic and Family: Keys to Counseling and Help," on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the media center of Leland Speed Library on the college campus. Methods of helping the spouse of the alcoholic and the treatment resources available in Mississippi will be discussed. Michael Cartwright, therapist with Pastoral Counseling and Psychotherapy Associates in Jackson, will be the workshop director. Assisting with the workshop will be Jeanne Forman, Director of the Alcohol Services Center, Jackson. Registration fees, which include the sessions, coffee breaks and lunch, are \$25.00 per person. Registration must be made before August 31.

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A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

The brightness of the day was very symbolic. The flowing black dignity of the academic robe was not too symbolic of Frank, though, for as he crossed the grass to take his seat with the seniors after the Concert Choir had sung for the graduation exercises, he broke the solemnity of both his gait and his face by turning his head a nearly ninety degree angle and giving us a big wink which involved his whole face. It was as if he said, "Well, here I am, after all, sure enough for real, and aren't we all surprised? You didn't think I'd ever be doing this, did you?"

I didn't wink back, because I knew he still had eleven hours of summer school to go to make the degree they were conferring on him in May official in August. I joined his Dad in an answering grin.

Then I half-way listened and half-way remembered Frank's college days, especially all the conversations about whether he would continue to go to college, and the time when we decided the investment had become too large to run the risk of staying out and finishing later. And I wondered if we had made the right decisions about it, and if the degree which he would be given in a few minutes, and for which he would complete the work in a couple of months, would be the one he needed to be ready for his life's work. And I came to no conclusion.

Now it is completed. The eleven hours of summer school have been done, and the faith the college had in Frank in May, along with three or four dozen other students, in having them participate in the spring graduation exercises instead of having a smaller one alone in the summer, has been justified. And we believe his excitement and joy after checking with his professor, just to be sure, is an immediate indication of the worth of the climb. He called one set of grandparents, then meant to call the other grandmother, but was so excited that he dialed the first name of the book. Then he wanted to call one of his new bosses, whose name is Kerry Grantham, and looked in the phone book under K to find his residence number.

Every family faces the college dilemma at one time or another, it seems, thus the writing of this column.

Though Frank wryly grinned and said, "Mom, the next solo you sing ought to be 'I Believe in Miracles'." I distinctly felt that he was saying to himself, and to James and me, and I hope to the Lord, that he is glad.

Energy Consultation Held In August

NASHVILLE — As Congress worked overtime trying to get some form of the President's energy package passed before recessing, the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) put the finishing touches on preparations for a consultation on "The Energy Crisis and the Churches."

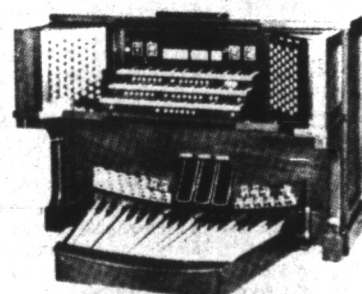
The consultation, to be held August 22-23 at the Southern Baptist Convention Building here, will be attended by a representative group of Southern Baptist leaders.

W. David Sapp, director of organization at the Christian Life Commission and coordinator of the consultation,

points out that many people remain unconvinced that an energy crisis actually exists.

"We are holding this consultation," he explains, "because we do believe in the existence and the severity of the energy crisis and because we believe that Southern Baptist churches should be speaking intelligently and acting decisively to meet its grave moral challenge."

"We hope that this small meeting will be the beginning of a larger Baptist effort to provide moral leadership to our society in the use of our God-given energy resources."



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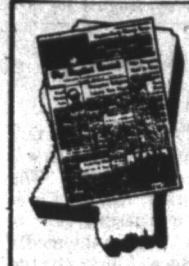
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Just For The Record

Cambridge Square Mission (Jackson) will be experiencing a lay renewal weekend Aug. 26, 27, and 28. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the 26th there will be a covered-dish supper at the church with special services to follow. On the 27th at 10 a.m. there will be coffees, youth parties, and community visits. At 12 noon a picnic lunch at the church will be held with another 6:30 p.m. supper and services to follow. Team members will conduct the entire morning service on Sunday.

Calvary Church (Prentiss) will celebrate its 15th anniversary on Aug. 28. Trent F. Grubb of Crenshaw, the first pastor of the church, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. service. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall and there will be a short program in the afternoon. Charles Farmer is pastor.

Detail drawings are being worked out for a new Baptist Student Union center at Hinds Junior College in Raymond. Dean and Dean of Jackson is the architectural firm.

Rev. and Mrs. Phil J. Walker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 21, 1977 from 2-5 p.m. at Monticello Church in Monticello, Miss. Walker has been preaching since 1931, and his children are issuing the invitation.

Highland Church (Tate) will have a dedication service on Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. for its newly completed sanctuary. Earl Kelly will deliver the message. Claude Howe is pastor.

Priceville Church, Tupelo held a note burning service leaving the parsonage and church debt-free. Services were celebrated with dinner on the ground and gospel singing by the Freedom Quartet, the Calballers Quartet, and the church's youth choir. Those who signed the note were deacons Paul Lackey, Red Cook, Vardaman Alexander, Grady Cook, Dillard Richardson, Joe Westmoreland, Warner Collier, James Smith, and also Robert L. Daniel, the pastor.

The two-story frame house that served as a student center for the Baptist Student Union at Delta State University in Cleveland has been moved and re-erected as a private residence on Memorial Drive in Cleveland. A new BSU center is in the planning stages with Warren McClesky Jr. of Hattiesburg as the architect.

Revival Result

Mashulaville Church, Macon: evangelist was J. R. Boutwell; music evangelist was Wright and Ruth Eavenson; organist was Mary Raden; pianist was Francine Winstead; pastor is John A. Williams; 16 professions of faith; numerous other decisions.

J. G. (Mack) McKee Dies At Age 82

J. G. (Mack) McKee, a deacon of FBC Greenville for forty-four years, has died.

McKee, who was 82 years old, was an employee of Illinois Central Railroad prior to his retirement on September 16, 1968. He served as chairman for two terms during his tenure of service as a deacon. In addition, he taught a boys' Sunday School class for 41 years.

McKee is survived by his wife, Mrs. DeLee Shurden McKee of Starkville and Greenville, and a son, James Garland McKee, pastor of FBC Pearlman, Texas. McKee and his wife June have one son, James Gilman.

A resolution adopted by the deacons of the church noted his 44 years as a deacon and his "willingness and self-giving in every office appointed to him, and which included the teaching of a boys' Sunday School class for 41 years with strong dedication to winning souls to Christ and building Christian lives." The resolution mentioned his service as chairman of the group for two years.

Devotional

Crying For Jesus

By Kermit McGregor, pastor Temple Church, Hattiesburg

Jesus and His disciples were on His last journey to Jerusalem. He paused a few hours to communicate with Zacchaeus but deliberately continued via Jericho. He was only a week away from Calvary when he edged his way through the crowded alleys toward the celebration of the PASSOVER. Increased numbers swelled the caravan accompanied by unintelligible NOISES. Sensitivity to a VOICE not heard before motivated Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, to ask for an explanation.

The result was A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE! "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Not "Jesus Justus" (Col. 4:11), not "Jesus Barabbas" (Matthew 27:17) but "Jesus of Nazareth" is the specific answer. Bartimaeus could not go to the Holy City for the Passover but He who was destined to be the true PASSOVER came to him. He couldn't see but he could be seen.

He didn't know the answer to his question but he knew the right question. What an answer! "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

Yet, Bartimaeus was A MISERABLE MAN! He was BLIND! He had missed the magnificence of the mountains as well as the metamorphosis of the seasons. He was BEGGING! Something about the dignity of life recoils from the pessimism of handouts. He began to "cry out" for Jesus and appealed for mercy. He could have rationalized that he was predestined to be poor, or afraid, or that he was supposed to be adaptable, yet he understood the importance of the message. His chance to meet Jesus was NOW or NEVER.

Yet there have always been MUZZLING MULTITUDES! One would think that there would be extreme exhilaration over any individual's cry for Jesus. The Scripture says "...many of the people told him sharply to keep quiet" (Phillips). Oh, the tragedy of apathy, attitude and action of the muzzlers contributing to the silence of the sorrowful.

Thank God, there is A MERCIFUL MASTER! In spite of the action of "some" Bartimaeus "shouted all the more." One of the most stimulating phrases in Scripture leaps for recognition — "JESUS STOOD STILL." Yes, He stopped to listen when a needy heart cried for mercy. He SENT OTHERS to guide Bartimaeus to Him. A demonstrable faith coupled with obedience resulted in SIGHT and SALVATION. The physical miracle was appreciated but the spiritual meaning meant association with Jesus. He "kept on following Jesus."

Do not SILENCE the cries for Jesus but accept the SOLUTION by introducing people to the SAVIOUR! A word of caution — as with Bartimaeus, it is NOW or NEVER!

Revival Dates

Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson: Aug. 21-26; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; 7:30 each night during the week; Vanant Cervera from Greenville, S.C. will be evangelist; Louis Smith is pastor.

Trinity Church, Pearl: Aug. 21-26; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday services 7:30 p.m.; Max Jones, evangelist; Donald Sharp, interim pastor.

Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City: Aug. 21-26; Willie Heath, evangelist, from Dallas, Tex.; Hubert Greer, music evangelist, from Brookhaven; high attendance day in Sunday School and Church Training on the 21st; Faris Smith, pastor.

Pleasant Grove Church, Laurel: Aug. 14-19; dinner at the church Sunday noon; 10:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday; 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; Earl Tew, pastor Lakeside Church in Birmingham, evangelist; Peggy Crosby, minister of music, Rainey Community, will lead the music; Dicky McAllister is pastor.

Calvary Church, Booneville: Aug. 21-26; 7 p.m.; Guy Culver, evangelist; Tim Logan, music director; Charles Farmer, pastor.

Collinsville Church: Aug. 21-26; Kenneth Rhodes, pastor Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville, evangelist; Don Moore, Aberdeen, music evangelist; services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; James Snowden, pastor.

Berea Church (Attala): Aug. 17-21; weekday services at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Jerry Slonaker, pastor, will preach; Jimmy Bilbo, minister of music at Midway Church in Jackson, singer.

FBC Shannon: Aug. 21-26; 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Texas; music director, Hamp Valentine, FBC Aberdeen; organist, Sarah Lynn Wiygul; pianist, Carol Filgo; pastor, Ira Bright.

Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto: Aug. 22-27; services 7:30 p.m.; James Messer, pastor of Highland Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Tommy Moak, music director; Gene Erwin, pastor.

Edwards Church, Edwards: Aug. 21-26; 7:30 p.m. every night; Fred Tarpley, evangelist; Larry Wagner, music; D. W. Green, pastor.

Short Creek Church (Yazoo): Aug. 21-28; Monday-Friday services 7:30 p.m.; homecoming on 28th with dinner on the ground and afternoon singing; Mike Thrower, pastor Sunflower Church, guest speaker; B. B. Neely in charge of music.

Calvary Church (Simpson): August 21-26; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; weekdays 7 p.m.; lunch will be served at 12 on Sunday John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, music director; M. L. Graham, supply pastor.

Calvary Church, Meridian: Aug. 21-28; Angel Martinez from Ft. Smith, Ark., evangelist; Steve Taylor from Greenville, S. C., evangelist singer; homecoming and dinner on the ground on the 21st; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; lunch after Tuesday - Friday morning services; W. Otis Seal, pastor.

Sunday School Lesson: International For August 21

Samson: Struggle Against Opposition

By William Fallis
Judges 13-16

When the children of Israel first entered Canaan (see the lesson for July 24), their opponents were generally called Canaanites, but some other groups were mentioned (Josh. 3:10).

The second campaign was against five Amorite kings in the south (Josh. 10:1-27). Then they defeated a coalition of Canaanites north of the Sea of Galilee. But these victories did not subdue the whole country. Throughout the book of Judges we read of raids and conquests by various tribes and nations. Perhaps the most persistent and vicious were the Philistines, who lived mostly on the coastal plain in what seem to have been five city-states: Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gath, and Ekron. They became the prime enemy of Israel in Samson's day and continued until David conquered them.

The Lesson Explained
An Answer To The Philistines
(Judg. 13:1-2, 24-25)

This first verse might sound like the Lord was arbitrary until you look back at 10:6. The evil that Israel was doing was worshipping the gods of the Philistines instead of being loyal to the Lord, who had delivered them from Egypt and given them a new homeland. Whenever they fell into idolatry and its immoral practices, the Lord let them come under the cruel influence of the people who claimed that idol. So, their wandering from the Lord brought its inevitable punishment.

During the forty years that Israel was dominated by the Philistines, the angel of the Lord appeared to the wife of an Israelite named Manoah and promised that she would have a son at last. Because he was to be set apart by God for a special purpose, he would be called a Nazirite and should never cut his hair. The special purpose: "he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines" (v. 5). When the son was born, they called him Samson; and as he grew, "the Lord blessed him," and the Spirit came on him in the tribal camp.

Betraying Himself
(Judg. 16:15-22)

But the lift that began so auspiciously soon revealed an arrogant im-

maturity. Endowed with superhuman strength, Samson was a moral weakling, easily victimized by anger and sex. His strongman exploits were remarkable, but the total impact of his life was sad and disappointing.

The so-called pranks of Samson usually ended up with a pile of dead Philistines. He paid off a bet with the garments of thirty men he killed. When his frightened countrymen bound him another occasion and turned him over to the Philistines, he broke the cords and killed a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass. But Delilah was too much for him. Philistine rulers offered her a handsome fee to discover the secret of his strength. At first, he

teased her and lied to her; but at last he told the truth. When the Philistine came, he could not defend himself. After blinding him, they force him to grind in the prison mill. But his hair began to grow again.

Avenging Himself
(Judg. 16:23-30)

The capture of Samson called for a celebration; the Philistines said that their god Dagon was their deliverer. As the festival proceeded, the people called for Samson so they could make fun of him in his blindness. Finally, Samson asked his guide to lead him to the two key pillars of the building. Besides the crowd in the main hall, there were thousands on the roof. Samson

Life and Work For August 21

The Priority of Family Ties

By Bill Duncan, First, Long Beach
Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:1-13;
Ephesians 6:1-4

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

The breakdown of practically all civilizations has been preceded by the disintegration of the home. It is within the context of the home that formative character traits are developed. One learns, or fails to learn, how to live harmoniously within society and to respond to authority in his home. The father and the mother who live the right kind of life can give the leadership every child needs to become a productive citizen in society.

To honor one's parents implies the ascription of the greatest possible "weight" to them in terms of our respect. Honoring one's parents recognizes their intrinsic worth. The seriousness with which the Israelite community accepted the Fifth Commandment is clearly revealed in the ascription of the death penalty to cases where parents were abused by children. The death penalty was prescribed for cases of striking one's parents, cursing them, or for being gen-

erally disobedient, riotous or incorrigible.

The Commandment is described as the first with a promise: "that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you." Length of life was considered the sign of God's blessing. The "good life" is a by-product that comes from faithfulness to the Lord. Seeking first the Kingdom of God yields the by-products of attitude and conditions. No one is ever fully removed from the hardships and misfortunes of life.

Unity should be a basic characteristic of the family. For the adult this should be expressed in care for, respect, understanding and love. The care for aging parents is an expression of this Commandment. A young girl who marries without the blessing of the parent will have a difficult time adjusting to marriage and life. There needs to be a sense of unity in all the family.

Brokenness was never intended to characterize the home. Yet this is one of the primary characteristics of the family today.

The commandment of honoring parents is not grounded in parental rights alone but in the expressed revelation of God. There is no "if" before the commandment. The Lord expects the child to respect the parents. Parents have a right to expect this from their children. Children who honor their parents will never cease to care, even

took his stand and then prayed. Although he did not ask forgiveness, he did ask the Lord to remember him and strengthen him so that he might be avenged for his blindness. Then with all his might he moved the pillars so that the whole building collapsed, killing more Philistines at one time than in his entire career.

In a sense, Samson appeared to fulfill the purpose stated in the promise of his birth: "he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." But the struggle went on under the leadership of Samuel, Saul, and David. Could Samson have made a better beginning?

when every action of their parents is an offense to God and man.

Such loving honor can be shown by "obedience in our younger years, by support in our older years, and by respect through all the years."

Young adults should seek to be the kind of parents whom their children can honor. Louis H. Evans reminds us that we can give a child warm food and chill his heart. We can lull him to sleep but tear his soul with bickering. We can clean his clothes and soil his memory with quarreling. It is most important that parents set examples that lay the groundwork for Christian faith. If a child hasn't been loved, hasn't been forgiven, hasn't been able to depend on the adults in his life, how can he believe in God who will love him, forgive him, and stand by him?

The guiding principle for the Christian family is love. Husbands, love your wives; wives, love your husbands; and children, love your parents. Marriage is not wrecked by a blowout but rather by a slow leak. Much of marital failure is due to little things. The essential element of the Christian home is love.

Nothing more impairs authority than a too frequent or indiscreet use of it. If thunder itself were to be continual, it would excite no more terror than the noise of a mill. — HENRIETTA C. MEARS

Arlington Finishes Remodeling



The first baptismal services were held on July 10 in the new baptistry of Arlington Church in Bogue Chitto. The remodeling of the church's sanctuary was completed this year.

Arlington Church (Lincoln) has completed a remodeling job of their sanctuary. There are many things being done for the first time.

On June 5 the first Acteen coronation service was held, with five young ladies completing their queen's step. They were Robin Ammons, Sharon Sasser, Angie Lofton, Lynnette Reeves, and Sheila Sasser.

On June 30 the youth of the church took a trip to Six Flags in Texas. The trip was made possible by the pastor, youth department and its workers holding gospel singings, rummage sales, car washes and bake sales.

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Columbia Calvary E.S.C.G. Stays Busy

A staunch organization can run without a president, secretary, or a board of directors or special committees, but still run on a faith schedule of meeting once each month. It's the E.S.C.G., the extra special Christian group at Calvary Church in Columbia.

More familiarly known as the senior citizens of the church (those 60 years old and over), the E.S.C.G. began two years ago on April 24, 1975. The pastor, James E. Walker, announced a special meeting at 10 a.m. on that day for the age group at the church and the meeting was concluded by a lunch. Plans developed to meet every month at the church with special activities and a lunch. The meetings were held with Ronnie Ross, minister of music, assisting Walker.

The noon meals during this time were prepared by different women of the church, and then they soon developed into covered-dish luncheons with all participating. Different activities during the pre-lunch period included such things as Bible drills, spelling bees, displays of handicrafts, and baby pictures of each of the group to be identified by the rest as the pictures were presented. Programs have also included group singings led by Ross, and a slide presentation of the Walker's trip to the Holy Land a few years ago.

In April of 1976 the E.S.C.G. made a cookbook from recipes coming largely

from the membership. Seven hundred books were sold after the book's completion that August, and the group helped with the expenses of a youth choir trip.

After the church's purchase of a new bus, the group took their first trip on March 25, 1976. Twenty-two members went to the Palestine Gardens in Lucedale.

"Know Miss. Better" has been the theme of trips, but some have been made to points of interest in adjacent states. The group went to Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Ala.; spent a day on the Miss. Gulf Coast sightseeing, shopping, and visiting places of interest; went to Jackson to the Governor's Mansion, the Baptist Children's Village and the State Museum. They also spent a day in New Orleans and ate a picnic lunch near Lake Pontchartrain. A second trip to Jackson included the Wildlife Museum, eating out, and then to the Southern Vital Record Center in Florida.

The group thinks the most outstanding trip was taken last October to Eureka Springs, Ark., where they attended "The Great Passion Play." Plans are underway for a trip to Florida's Disney World. When trips are not made each month, a luncheon meeting is held at the church. Ross drives the bus for all trips, and the only charge is a small amount to help with gas expenses.



Hardee Kennedy Receives Award

(New Orleans) — J. Hardee Kennedy (center), Vice President for Academic Affairs at New Orleans Seminary, is shown receiving the Distinguished Alumnus award. The award, presented by J. Terry Young (left), alumni affairs faculty representative, was presented to Kennedy in "recognition of distinguished service as a leader in theological education." Seminary President Landrum P. Leavell (right), delivered the key address at the annual alumni luncheon during which Kennedy, a native of Mississippi, received the plaque.